During the current year, the marginal shortfall in the production of Nitrogen has been due to continued low production in the plants of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. and Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd., the two sick companies, due to design deficiencies, equipment break-downs, liquidity problem, etc. Production was also less in KRIBHCO compared to last year due to shortage of gas. Some shortfall in Nitrogen was contributed by lower production of DAP and complexes. The shortfall in phosphate production has been due to poor off-take after decontrol and competition from cheaper imports.

It is premature to indicate production during 1994-95 as targets would be fixed in February-March, 1994.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) India's fertiliser exports are quite insignificant as the country is a net importer. However, small quantities of fertilizers have been exported to Nepal as per details given below :—

Year	Quantity exported
1990-91	
1991-91	10,000 tonnes of DAP
	20,000 tonnes of Urea
1992-93	15,000 tonnes of Urea

DELAY IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW DRUG POLICY

3033. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the long delayed New Drug Policy has largely affected the drug industry in the country;

(b) if so, whether the meeting of the representatives from the Industry with Union Minister on 22nd October, 1993 pointed out difficulties faced by the Industry due to delay in announcing the drug policy;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon; and

(d) by what time Government is likely to announce the New Policy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDEO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d). Issue relating to Drug Policy, 1986 have been discussed in the 1993 and the finalisation of decisions is 1993 and the finalisation of decisions is at an advanced stage.

DISPOSAL OF SUITS RELATING TO BHOPAL GAS LEAK DISASTER

3034. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI was pulled up by Chief Judicial Magistrate for not being serious about disposal of criminal suits relating to Bhopal Gas leak disaster of December, 1984;

(b) if so, whether Government was not serious despite giving several assurances; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Central Government has also failed to inform the Court for more than one year about the extradition proceedings against the Chief of the Union Carbide Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Owing to the inability of the prosecutor of CBI to attend the Court on 27-9-1993, due

to disruption of rail services on the New Delhi-Bhopal route, the Court made some observations on the extradition proceedings of Mr. Warren Anderson.

(b) and (c) According to the CBI, they have been periodically keeping the Court at Bhopal informed of the developments. A large number of documents are necessary for initiating extradition proceedings. These documents have since been forwarded by the CBI.

MALPRACTICES IN THE EXPORT AND IMPORT OF DRUGS

3035. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some drug manufacturers export drugs at a much lower price compared to the cost of the import content of the drug itself like the exporters of ETHAMBUTOL, thus providing sufficient scope for malpractice; and

(b) what are the yearwise details of the import of DL-2 AMINOBUTONOL and D-TARTARIC ACID imported by major exporters of the concerned drug from 1987-88 to 1992-93 under the following heads;

(i) Duty free import made for export production;

(ii) Duty paid imports made for domestic production;

(iii) C. I. F. prices and landed cost of both types of imports realisation on exports; and

(iv) other incentives availed by exporters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) No such instance has come to the notice of the Ministry.

(b) Collection and analysis of the voluminious information would not be commensurate with the time and effort involved and the results likely to be achieved. However, if any specific instance is reported to/or comes to the notice, the same could be examined for necessary action.

BULK DRUG RANITIDINE AND FORMULATION PRICES.

3036. PROF. I. G. SANADI :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI ANANTRAM JAISWAL :
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased o refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3075 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th August, 1993 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the landed cost of import of Ranitidine as well as its domestic price from largest producer, M|s. Globe Pharmaceuticals is around Rs 2000 per kg;

(b) whether it is a fact that formulation prices are based on a price of Rs. 4396 per kg. w.e.f. 17th March, 1988 and are just double the fair price of formulation;

(c) if so, who is responsible for this lapse; and

(d) the reasons for which the price of the bulk drug has not been notified even after six years of promulgation of DPCO 1987 and whether Government would investigate the delay ?

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